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C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 0200

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT PFOR IN BM

SUBJ: SECURITY SITUATION ALONG INDIAN BORDER

REF: NEW DELHI 786

1. BELIEVE REFTEL OVERSTATES THE CASE A LITTLE IN DESCRIBING BURMESE MILITARY ACTIVITY IN BORDER REGION AS "COOPERATING" WITH GOI AGAINST NAGAS. EXCEPT IN THE CONTEXT OF JOINTLY PROVIDING SECURITY FOR WORK OF BURMESE-INDIAN BORDER DEMARCATION COMMISSION, GUB HAS AVOIDED MILITARY COOPERATION WITH INDIAN ALONG BORDER AND ACCORDING TO INDIAN MILITARY ATTACHE HERE HAS REJECTED SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, INCLUDING THINGYUAS INNOCUOUS AS COMMUNICATION CHECKS. IT DOES SOMETIMES OPERATE ON BURMESE SIDE OF THE BORDER IN A MANNER WHICH DE FACTO PROVIDES SOME SUPPORT TO INDIAN EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS INSURGENCY, BUT WE SURMISE ANY SUCH SUPPORT IS BY ACCIDENT RATHER THAN BY DESIGN.

2. OUR INFORMATION ON THE BORDER AREAS ADJOINING INDIA IS FRAGMENTARY, BUT WE SUSPECT THE INDIAN OFFICIAL QUOTED REFTEL IS CORRECT IN HIS ASSESSMENT THAT THERE IS NO EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION IN MUCH OF THE AREA. IT IS SIGNIFICANT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT

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DESPITE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT LAST JANUARY TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM ELECTION TURN-OUT, THE ONLY CONSTITUENCY IN THE COUNTRY WHICH WAS UNABLE TO MUSTER THE REQUIRED MAJORITY PARTICIPATION WAS ONE OF THE TWO IN PALETWA TOWNSHIP (ARAKAN HILL TRACTS). SMUGGLING IS ENDEMIC ALONG INDIAN AND BENGALIAN BORDERS (THOUGH NO MORE SO THAN THAI BORDER), AND OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT BANDITRY IS PREVALENT. AT SAME TIME, NO LARGE-SCALE ORGANIZED INSURGENCY SEEMS TO EXIST ON BURMESE SIDE OF BORDER, ALTHOUGH SIZEABLE MIZO AND NAGA BANDS DO PENETRATE FROM INDIAN TERRITORY. GUB NORMALLY MAINTAINS APPROXIMATELY THREE BATTALIONS ALONG ENTIRE WESTERN FRONTIER, WHOLLY INADEQUATE TO PROVIDE SECURITY.

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